

MindWalk Activity

Think for a moment about all the activities you were involved in during the past 24 hours. For each event, think further about what evidence, if any, your activities might have left behind.

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Which of your daily activities were most likely to leave trace evidence behind?
What, if any, of that evidence might be preserved for the future? Why?
What might be left out of a historical record of your activities? Why?
What would a future historian be able to tell about your life and your society based on evidence of your daily activities that might be preserved for the future?
Now think about a more public event currently happening (a court case, election, public controversy, law being debated), and answer these questions:
What kinds of evidence might this event leave behind?
Who records information about this event?
For what purpose are different records of this event made?